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Minutes of CDBG PUBLIC HEARING
November 6, 2023 4:00 PM
City Hall Meeting Room, 14 Court Square

Anna Oltman (Community Development Administrator) opened the public hearing at 4:06pm with the following people in attendance:

Christian LaPlante (Economic and Community Development Assistant)
Caitlin Von Schmidt
Matthew Conway

Anna Oltman read the notice of the public hearing.

1. To receive public comment on the City's proposal to allocate \$45,000 in CDBG 2021 funding to a new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Social Services activity known as "Winter Shelter Expansion"

Grant funding derived from the 2021 grant which will be closed next year. At previous public hearing the possibilities for the use of these funds was discussed. Those in attendance indicated using the funds for winter shelter. CSO which runs the Wells Street shelter has indicated that they are able to add an additional 5 beds for winter shelter if there is funding for staff. The CDBG funds would support those staff for the 5 beds.

Comments:

CVS and MC both indicated their support and have heard the public is looking for this kind of activity.

2. To provide the public with an update on CDBG 2021 and CDBG 2022-2023 activities.

CDBG2021 has also been entirely closed out except for shelter expansion as well the city hall accessibility architect. Anna also shared the 22-23 planned projects. Four regular projects: Wells Streets Shelter Rehabilitation and Expansion \$200,000 – CDBG will fund soft costs of construction. Relocating shelter guests and non-profit organization and their relocation. Sidewalk Repair program \$607,000 (\$72,000 from program income) – repair of sidewalks with DPW
Main Street Water Main Replacements Design and Engineering \$133,127 – creating bid ready plans and specs

Court Square Redevelopment Design and Engineering \$187,000 – creating bid ready plans and specs.

Anna stated that there are also social services that will run under the 22-23 grant.

Center for Self Reliance \$100,000

Passport to Success, Literacy project \$40,000

Congregate meals, Lifepath \$68,232

Comprehensive emergency assistance, salvation army \$60,000

Elders at Risk, City of Greenfield Department of Health \$25,000

Comments:

CVS asked if the Main Street water main replacements are the ones that will happen before MassDOT completes work on Main Street. Anna said yes.

CVS asked if there will be another public hearing. Anna said early 2024 which will also be for the FFY2024 application.

MC liked seeing that social services were maxed out.

Anna closed the public hearing at 4:19pm.

